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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: JAPANESE POSITION ON PLO

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SUMMARY: JAPAN'S POSITION ON PLO HAS NOT CHANGED, DESPITE  
SOME NEW WORDING PRESENTED AT MEETING BETWEEN JAPANESE  
FOREIGN MINISTER AND ARAB AMBASSADORS JULY 29. GOJ  
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MAKE PLO OFFICER IN TOKYO TOE  
LINE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADORS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, AND KUWAIT CALLED  
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UPON FOREIGN MITATER MIYAZAWA JULY 29 TO INQUIRE ABOUT

CURRENT JAPANESE POSITION ON PLO. ACCORDING FONOFF FIRST MIDDLE EAST DIV DIR WATANABE, AMBASSADORS CONCERNED THAT RECENT PRESS ARTICLES SUGGESTED CHANGE IN GOJ POLICY. MIYAZAWA TOLD ARAB AMBASSADORS THAT GOJ "REGARDS PLO AS THE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". FURTHER, IN LINE WITH JAPAN'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF YASIR ARAFAT APPEARANCE AT UNGA LAST YEAR, GOJ REGARDS ARAFAT AS LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN OF PLO, FONMIN CONTINUED. AMBASSADORS THANKED MIYAZAWA AND COMMENTED THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI UNDERSTANDS CAUSE OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

2. ACCORDING TO WATANABE, ARABS PLEASED WITH MIYAZAWA REPLY IN BELIEF THAT IT REPRESENTED STEP BEYOND PREVIOUS JAPANESE POSITION. ON CONTRARY, WATANABE TOLD EMBOFF THAT MIYAZAWA FORMULA IS ONLY NEW WORDING FOR EARLIER JAPANESE POSITION (WHICH WAS THAT GOJ "CONSIDERS PLO AS THE REPRESENTATIVE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE"). JAPAN DOES NOT REGARD PLO AS GOVERNMENT OR AS REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE. LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, WATANABE SAID, CAREFUL FONOFF PRESS BRIEFING ON MIYAZAWA MEETING PLANNED FOR JULY 31.

3. ON MANSOUR CASE, WHICH AMBASSADORS DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS WITH MIYAZAWA, FONOFF MIDEAST AFFAIRS BUREAU DIV DIR NAKAMURA TOLD UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AMBASSADOR AT MEETING JULY 29 THAT MANSOUR COULD STAY IN TOKYO AS DIPLOMAT ONLY IF HIS ACTIVITIES WERE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION OF AMBASSADOR. AT MOMENT, MANSOUR HAD NOT EVEN BEEN REGISTERED WITH PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT AS MEMBER OF UAE STAFF. MANSOUR'S ACTIVITIES UNDER AMBASSADOR MIGHT PROPERLY INVOLVE SOME WORK FOR PLO. HOWEVER, NAKAMURA EXPLAINED THAT MANSOUR HAD SENT, AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE FONOFF, A LETTER OF CREDENTIALS AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. THIS ACT WAS BEYOND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY APPROPRIATE FOR UAE DIPLOMAT. NAKAMURA URGED AMBASSADOR TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD, AND HOPED THAT MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED SOON.

4. COMMENT: REASONS FOR TIMING OF ARAB APPROACH TO MIYAZAWA NOT CLEARLY SPELLED OUT, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT AMBASSADORS CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDER INSTRUCTION TO PROBE FOR JAPANESE VIEWS AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL BEFORE PRIME MINISTER LEFT FOR WASHINGTON. THEY TRIED APPOINTMENT WITH MIKI FIRST, THEN SETTLED FOR MIYAZAWA WHEN PRIME MINISTER UNAVAILABLE. SHOESMITH

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